

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)

Complaint C2019-019)

Joshua Gruber)
Respondent.)

Mare Baracco)
Complainant.)

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, to support the allegations made in the above-captioned complaint. The State Ethics Commission will, therefore, convene a formal hearing into the matter, in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the State Ethics Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

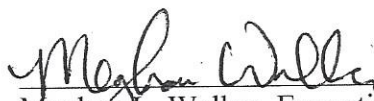
The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
PERFORMING AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION RELATED TO A GOVERNMENT
CONTRACT INVOLVING AN ECONOMIC INTEREST
SECTION 8-13-775, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Joshua Gruber, Interim Beaufort County Administrator, did, in Richland County, perform an official function related to a government contract in which he had an economic interest by writing the terms of a post-employment Independent Contractor Agreement between himself and Beaufort County, in violation of Section 8-13-775.

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976 as amended the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.)

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.


Meghan L. Walker, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 26th day,
of March 2019.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Joshua Gruber, 6 Attaway Ln, Beaufort, SC 29907 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 27th day of March, 2019 by **CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.


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Columbia, South Carolina